

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing is respectfully requested.

By the above amendments, paragraphs 5, 19, and 21 of the specification have been amended to improve clarity and/or to correct typographical errors. Claims 1-42 have been canceled because Applicants do not wish to pursue the subject matter of these claims at this time. New claims 43-72 have been added. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in the future as well as the right to assert the full range of equivalence to which the new claims are entitled, including any difference in subject matter between the canceled claims and the new claims.

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendments and pass the application to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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